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LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for May 2006 was 4.9 percent, according to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended May 20, 2005. This is an increase of 0.1 percentage points from the April 2006 rate of 4.8 percent and 0.3 percentage points higher than the May 2005 rate of 4.6 percent. The Canada seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for May 2006 was 6.1 percent. This is 0.3 percentage points lower than April 2006 and 0.8 percentage points lower than the May 2005 level of 6.9 percent.

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 486,500 persons employed in Saskatchewan in May 2006, down 1,400 from the April 2006 level of 487,900 but was also up 1,500 from the May 2005 employment level of 485,000 persons.

UNADJUSTED DATA

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for May 2006 was 4.4 percent. This is a decrease of 0.8 percentage points from the April 2006 rate of 5.2 percent but 0.1 percentage points higher than the May 2005 level of 4.3 percent. Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.5 percentage points to 6.1 percent from the April 2006 level of 6.6 percent. In May 2005, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.0 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 12,500 to 518,800 persons in May 2006 from 506,300 persons in April 2006. This is 1,400 more than the May 2005 labour force of 517,400 persons. The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 1.8 percentage points to 69.6 percent in May 2006 from 67.8 percent in April 2006. The May 2005 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.1 percent.

There were 496,100 persons employed in Saskatchewan during May 2006, an increase of 16,100 from April 2006 and 1,100 more than the number employed in May 2005. Agricultural employment was 46,300 persons in May 2006, up 700 from the April 2006 level.

There were 22,800 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during May 2006. This is a decrease of 3,500 from April 2006 but is 300 more than the number unemployed in May 2005.

The attached tables provide additional details on labour force activity for Saskatchewan and Canada during the months of May 2006, April 2006 and May 2005.

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TABLE 1

LABOUR FORCE

	<u>May 2006</u>	<u>April 2006</u>	<u>May 2005</u>
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>			
Labour Force	518,800	506,300	517,400
Employed	496,100	480,000	495,000
<i>Full-Time</i>	409,300	388,700	402,100
<i>Part-Time</i>	86,800	91,200	92,900
Unemployed	22,800	26,300	22,500
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.4	5.2	4.3
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.9	4.8	4.6
Participation Rate (%)	69.6	67.8	69.1
<u>CANADA</u>			
Labour Force	17,767,600	17,334,500	17,500,100
Employed	16,676,000	16,195,900	16,277,000
<i>Full-Time</i>	13,751,300	13,141,400	13,307,600
<i>Part-Time</i>	2,924,700	3,054,500	2,969,400
Unemployed	1,091,500	1,138,600	1,223,200
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.1	6.6	7.0
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.1	6.4	6.9
Participation Rate (%)	68.0	66.4	67.9

TABLE 2

DETAILED SASKATCHEWAN UNADJUSTED SERIES

<u>Labour Force ('000)</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>15-24</u>	<u>25+</u>	<u>15-19</u>	<u>20-24</u>	<u>25-44</u>	<u>45-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
May 2006	518.8	279.7	239.1	100.8	418.1	41.2	59.5	212.1	188.5	17.5
April 2006	506.3	273.3	233.0	89.9	416.4	38.6	51.4	211.0	188.0	17.4
May 2005	517.4	280.5	237.0	100.7	416.8	41.7	59.0	214.9	183.6	18.2
<u>Employed ('000)</u>										
May 2006	496.1	266.0	230.0	92.4	403.7	37.6	54.8	203.9	182.5	17.3
April 2006	480.0	255.9	224.1	81.2	398.8	33.8	47.4	201.2	180.4	17.2
May 2005	495.0	267.8	227.2	89.9	405.0	37.1	52.8	208.8	178.5	17.7
<u>Unemployed ('000)</u>										
May 2006	22.8	13.7	9.1	8.4	14.4	3.7	4.7	8.2	6.0	0.0
April 2006	26.3	17.4	9.0	8.8	17.6	4.8	4.0	9.8	7.6	0.0
May 2005	22.5	12.7	9.8	10.8	11.7	4.6	6.2	6.1	5.1	0.5
<u>Unemployment Rate (%)</u>										
May 2006	4.4	4.9	3.8	8.3	3.4	9.0	7.9	3.9	3.2	0.0
April 2006	5.2	6.4	3.9	9.8	4.2	12.4	7.8	4.6	4.0	0.0
May 2005	4.3	4.5	4.1	10.7	2.8	11.0	10.5	2.8	2.8	2.7
<u>Participation Rate (%)</u>										
May 2006	69.6	76.0	63.2	73.1	68.8	60.4	85.4	89.5	79.4	13.1
April 2006	67.8	74.2	61.6	65.1	68.4	56.6	73.6	88.8	79.3	13.0
May 2005	69.1	76.0	62.5	72.4	68.4	60.3	84.3	88.7	78.8	13.6

Figures set to 0 (zero) if under 500 persons.

TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR MARKET - UNADJUSTED SERIES

<u>2004</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Annual Average</u>
*Labour Force	494.3	495.4	497.7	501.8	511.5	515.0	516.8	517.7	508.1	507.2	508.2	507.3	506.7
*Employment	463.2	464.8	465.2	472.6	486.8	492.4	489.0	489.3	482.8	485.5	483.9	480.9	479.7
*Full-Time	370.3	370.0	368.7	377.4	397.7	399.5	402.5	405.0	387.3	388.6	385.8	380.7	386.1
*Part-Time	92.9	94.8	96.5	95.1	89.1	92.9	86.5	84.3	95.5	96.8	98.1	100.2	93.6
*Unemployment	31.1	30.6	32.5	29.3	24.7	22.6	27.8	28.4	25.3	21.7	24.3	26.4	27.0
**Unemployment Rate	6.3	6.2	6.5	5.8	4.8	4.4	5.4	5.5	5.0	4.3	4.8	5.2	5.3
**Participation Rate	66.4	66.5	66.8	67.3	68.6	69.0	69.3	69.4	68.1	67.9	68.1	67.9	67.9
<u>2005</u>													
*Labour Force	501.6	503.8	507.5	504.0	517.4	519.7	522.7	522.0	508.4	503.4	503.3	499.1	509.4
*Employment	473.4	476.3	479.6	476.3	495.0	498.0	497.3	492.3	480.2	479.9	479.1	474.5	483.5
*Full-Time	374.1	375.8	379.8	384.4	402.1	405.7	412.7	411.5	386.5	381.2	382.3	380.5	389.7
*Part-Time	99.4	100.5	99.8	91.9	92.9	92.3	84.6	80.8	93.7	98.6	96.8	93.9	93.8
*Unemployment	28.1	27.5	28.0	27.7	22.5	21.6	25.4	29.7	28.2	23.5	24.2	24.6	25.9
**Unemployment Rate	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.5	4.3	4.2	4.9	5.7	5.5	4.7	4.8	4.9	5.1
**Participation Rate	67.1	67.4	67.8	67.3	69.1	69.4	69.8	69.7	67.9	67.2	67.2	66.7	68.1
<u>2006</u>													
*Labour Force	500.1	500.9	502.3	506.3	518.8								
*Employment	470.8	471.9	474.4	480.0	496.1								
*Full-Time	374.8	372.0	377.7	388.7	409.3								
*Part-Time	96.0	99.9	96.6	91.2	86.8								
*Unemployment	29.3	29.0	28.0	26.3	22.8								
**Unemployment Rate	5.9	5.8	5.6	5.2	4.4								
**Participation Rate	66.9	67.0	67.2	67.8	69.6								

* thousands

** percent

TABLE 4

EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE BY INDUSTRY**SASKATCHEWAN 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006**

(Thousands)

2003	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Agriculture	45.4	43.9	43.6	45.9	51.1	50.7	48.3	48.5	44.8	46.9	45.0	44.9	46.6
Manufacturing	26.8	27.1	27.4	26.0	27.8	27.1	27.6	27.3	26.8	26.9	27.2	27.1	27.1
Construction	21.3	21.7	21.6	21.9	23.0	24.9	25.9	26.0	26.3	24.0	22.5	20.8	23.3
Transp, Warehousing & Other Utilities	25.6	25.8	25.7	26.8	27.1	25.9	27.1	26.8	25.9	25.7	25.6	26.7	26.2
Trade	75.2	73.2	75.2	76.9	77.2	78.6	79.6	80.6	77.5	77.9	78.8	79.6	77.5
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leas.	27.4	27.7	28.2	28.8	29.7	28.9	29.4	28.6	27.2	27.4	27.2	26.9	28.1
Services	201.0	203.5	203.5	202.0	207.1	209.8	206.1	203.0	204.4	203.2	201.6	201.2	203.9
Public Admin.	24.3	24.8	24.3	24.2	25.7	28.2	27.9	30.1	26.5	26.9	26.6	25.6	26.2
Other Primary Ind.	16.4	16.9	17.4	15.0	15.4	17.2	18.0	17.8	17.5	17.4	17.7	18.4	17.1
Total All Industries	463.3	464.6	466.8	467.5	484.4	491.3	490.0	488.6	476.9	476.3	472.2	471.2	476.1
2004	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Agriculture	44.9	44.2	46.2	46.5	49.3	47.1	48.6	48.0	47.1	47.1	46.6	44.8	46.7
Manufacturing	27.2	26.9	27.4	28.3	28.5	31.1	30.3	30.6	29.1	28.4	28.4	29.0	28.8
Construction	19.2	19.2	19.4	20.5	23.8	25.5	27.8	28.1	26.3	28.2	25.9	24.6	24.0
Transp, Warehousing & Other Utilities	25.9	25.8	25.5	26.8	28.5	29.1	27.9	27.8	29.0	27.9	28.7	28.1	27.6
Trade	75.3	74.6	74.0	75.7	77.6	76.7	78.8	78.7	77.5	77.4	77.9	76.6	76.8
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leas.	25.8	26.6	26.9	27.8	27.2	28.0	26.5	27.5	27.3	25.5	25.9	25.6	26.7
Services	201.2	203.0	202.2	204.4	208.0	209.9	202.4	201.6	201.2	206.0	205.8	207.2	204.4
Public Admin.	25.3	25.2	24.1	24.2	25.3	26.3	26.4	27.7	26.5	26.1	26.5	26.0	25.8
Other Primary Ind.	18.5	19.3	19.4	18.3	18.6	18.8	20.6	19.3	18.8	18.8	18.3	18.9	19.0
Total All Industries	463.2	464.8	465.2	472.6	486.8	492.4	489.0	489.3	482.8	485.5	483.9	480.9	479.7

Figures may not add to total due to rounding.

TABLE 4 (Continued)

EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE BY INDUSTRY
SASKATCHEWAN 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006
(Thousands)

<u>2005</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Annual Average</u>
Agriculture	44.0	43.9	45.1	44.5	49.1	49.2	50.9	49.9	47.7	48.2	44.5	42.1	46.6
Manufacturing	28.1	28.0	28.5	29.8	30.4	32.9	33.0	33.4	29.8	29.8	29.9	29.6	30.3
Construction	21.4	20.9	21.5	22.9	26.9	30.1	30.7	29.2	28.7	28.9	28.9	26.0	26.3
Transp, Warehousing & Other Utilities	28.0	28.7	28.0	27.4	28.9	30.0	29.1	30.7	31.7	28.9	31.1	31.1	29.5
Trade	79.6	80.2	79.6	81.7	82.0	79.6	80.5	79.6	74.4	74.1	74.6	74.2	78.3
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leas.	24.3	25.7	26.3	24.6	25.9	26.6	25.7	27.8	26.3	25.1	24.9	25.6	25.7
Services	203.6	204.0	206.2	203.1	206.8	204.2	199.6	192.0	195.7	199.1	198.0	198.1	200.9
Public Admin.	25.4	25.7	26.8	26.3	27.3	26.7	30.3	29.9	26.8	27.0	27.4	27.1	27.2
Other Primary Ind.	19.0	19.2	17.7	16.0	17.6	18.7	17.6	19.7	19.0	18.8	19.8	20.6	18.6
Total All Industries	473.4	476.3	479.6	476.3	495.0	498.0	497.3	492.3	480.2	479.9	479.1	474.5	483.5
<u>2006</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Annual Average</u>
Agriculture	44.2	44.0	45.6	46.3	52.4								
Manufacturing	28.9	30.2	29.7	28.7	28.1								
Construction	24.9	25.3	25.7	27.0	30.7								
Transp, Warehousing & Other Utilities	28.5	30.6	30.8	31.3	29.7								
Trade	72.9	76.1	76.0	80.6	79.2								
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leas.	26.6	25.4	25.8	25.5	25.4								
Services	196.5	191.9	192.9	196.1	202.5								
Public Admin.	27.2	27.0	26.9	25.4	27.6								
Other Primary Ind.	21.2	21.3	21.1	19.0	20.3								
Total All Industries	470.8	471.9	474.4	480.0	496.1								

Figures may not add to total due to rounding.

TABLE 5

PERCENTAGE UNEMPLOYED
CANADA AND PROVINCES 2005, 2006
(UNADJUSTED SERIES)

<u>2005</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Annual Average</u>
Canada	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.0	7.0	6.3	6.9	7.1	6.2	6.1	6.0	6.1	6.8
Nfld. & Lab.	16.5	17.2	16.9	18.8	16.7	12.5	12.1	15.2	13.2	13.9	14.7	15.8	15.2
P.E.I.	14.1	13.0	13.0	15.0	9.5	7.8	9.1	8.7	8.3	9.1	10.6	12.1	10.8
Nova Scotia	9.9	10.7	9.8	9.2	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.0	7.8	7.7	8.1	8.0	8.4
New Brunswick	11.2	10.6	10.6	11.2	9.6	9.0	9.3	9.2	8.5	9.7	8.6	9.1	9.7
Quebec	9.5	9.0	8.9	8.5	8.5	7.4	7.9	8.3	7.6	7.7	7.9	8.3	8.3
Ontario	6.7	7.0	7.3	6.6	7.2	6.6	7.3	7.4	6.1	5.9	5.5	5.6	6.6
Manitoba	5.6	5.4	5.5	5.1	4.7	4.3	4.7	5.4	4.4	4.1	3.8	4.2	4.8
Saskatchewan	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.5	4.3	4.2	4.9	5.7	5.5	4.7	4.8	4.9	5.1
Alberta	4.8	4.2	3.5	4.2	3.6	3.4	3.7	4.2	3.7	3.8	4.0	4.0	3.9
B.C.	7.2	7.6	6.7	6.2	6.0	5.5	6.3	6.3	5.1	4.6	4.5	4.4	5.9
<u>2006</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Annual Average</u>
Canada	7.2	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.1								
Nfld. & Lab.	18.8	16.7	17.4	18.9	15.9								
P.E.I.	14.3	14.0	15.4	14.6	8.8								
Nova Scotia	9.0	9.5	9.0	8.8	8.0								
New Brunswick	9.8	10.6	10.2	10.7	9.0								
Quebec	9.6	8.9	9.0	8.7	7.6								
Ontario	6.6	6.3	6.5	6.1	6.1								
Manitoba	4.8	4.7	4.5	4.9	3.6								
Saskatchewan	5.9	5.8	5.6	5.2	4.4								
Alberta	4.0	3.2	3.3	3.6	3.4								
B.C.	5.8	5.2	4.5	4.6	4.9								

TABLE 6

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR CANADIAN CITIES

	<u>May 2006</u>	<u>April 2006</u>	<u>May 2005</u>
St. John's	8.6	10.0	10.5
Halifax	5.6	5.7	6.3
Saint John	6.7	5.8	7.2
Quebec	3.7	4.0	5.6
Montreal	7.8	9.3	8.9
Ottawa	5.1	4.0	7.4
Toronto	6.5	6.2	8.0
Sudbury	6.2	7.8	7.6
Winnipeg	3.9	5.4	4.9
Regina	5.1	5.4	4.3
Saskatoon	4.8	4.5	3.8
Calgary	3.9	2.7	3.3
Edmonton	3.2	4.2	4.7
Vancouver	4.6	3.9	6.4
Victoria	5.3	3.5	3.6

TABLE 7

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY
FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER
(3-month moving averages)**

<u>Total Population</u>	<u>Labour Force</u> (<u>'000</u>)	<u>Employed</u> (<u>'000</u>)	<u>Unemployed</u> (<u>'000</u>)	<u>Unemployment</u> Rate (%)	<u>Participation</u> Rate (%)	<u>Employment</u> Rate (%)
May 2006	507.9	481.2	26.7	5.3	68.0	64.5
April 2006	501.9	473.2	28.7	5.7	67.2	63.4
May 2005	509.0	482.6	26.4	5.2	68.0	64.5
<u>Non-Aboriginal</u>						
May 2006	469.6	449.2	20.4	4.3	68.2	65.3
April 2006	464.3	442.2	22.0	4.7	67.4	64.2
May 2005	475.1	454.1	20.9	4.4	68.7	65.7
<u>Aboriginal</u>						
May 2006	38.3	32.0	6.3	16.4	65.7	54.9
April 2006	37.6	31.0	6.6	17.6	64.7	53.3
May 2005	33.9	28.4	5.5	16.2	59.5	49.9
<u>North American Indian</u>						
May 2006	15.8	12.0	3.8	23.9	59.5	45.3
April 2006	14.8	10.7	4.1	27.5	56.0	40.6
May 2005	13.3	11.0	2.3	17.0	51.2	42.4
<u>Métis</u>						
May 2006	22.5	20.0	2.5	11.2	70.9	62.9
April 2006	22.8	20.3	2.6	11.2	71.9	63.8
May 2005	20.6	17.3	3.2	15.6	66.4	56.0

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for June are an average of the three months ending in June (April, May and June).
4. Caution should be used when interpreting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

